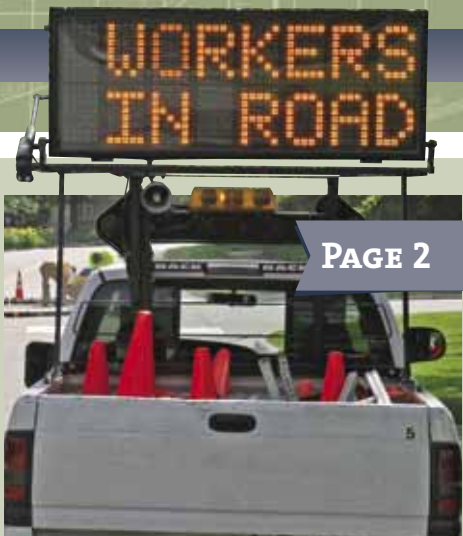


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BRIEFING GETS A NEW LOOK!

The *Briefing*, last redesigned in 2004, is sporting a new look, incorporating more photos, feature articles and other interesting content. The cost to print and mail the newsletter remains the same at just 25 cents per issue.

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TAKING PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS, WORKSHOPS AND MORE

Taking care of your home and neighborhood protects property values and creates a greater sense of community. Residents are key to maintaining desirable neighborhoods, and the City supports residents with a variety of programs to help bolster community renewal. The City's goal is to build and renew the community by providing services, promoting neighborhood revitalization programs and guiding more sustainable growth. The City accomplishes this by keeping residents informed of City codes and offering home improvement loans.

In addition to citywide inspections conducted by the Environmental Health Division, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) promotes public education and offers first-time home buyer and rental assistance, home improvement workshops to help residents update their homes and a home improvement fair every other year.

Below are just a few of the programs the HRA will be offering this summer.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS

The Bloomington HRA and Hennepin County are offering deferred rehabilitation loans through the HRA's Community Enhancement Program. Loans of up to \$35,000 are available to qualified Bloomington homeowners. There are no monthly payments. Interest is accrued at an annual rate of 4 percent per year on the original loan principal for the first 10 years. No additional interest is charged after the 10th year. Repayment occurs when the home is sold, transferred or is no longer occupied by the owner. Income and home value limits apply.

For more information, visit the City's website or contact the Bloomington HRA at 952-563-8939.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: CEP.

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In a recent community survey,
the overall appearance of Bloomington
was rated excellent or good by 80
percent of respondents.
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HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINARS

The HRA's free home improvement seminars take place this summer on **Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m.**, at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. No registration is required. Drawings for door prizes will follow each seminar. For more information, call HRA Program Specialist Tom Holman at 952-563-8941.

• June 18 – Home Energy Squad Enhanced visits

Stacy Boots Camp from the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) will discuss the benefits of having a Home Energy Squad enhanced visit. *See additional details below.*

• July 16 – Installing solar panels

Dustin Denison of Applied Energy Innovations will teach you how to install solar panels and explore the cost and energy savings solar panels can produce.

• August 20 – Interior painting

TruNorth Painting's Eric Moored will discuss the techniques for painting walls, ceilings and trim, paint brush and tape selection and preparing surfaces to be painted.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HRA SEMINARS.



HOME ENERGY SQUAD VISITS

Do you want to save money on your energy bill? To schedule a Home Energy Squad visit call 952-563-8937 or visit the City's website. Energy experts will assess your home's energy efficiency and install immediate energy-saving devices for \$50. The HRA is partnering with CEE to provide this service to Bloomington at a reduced cost for homeowners. The Home Energy Squad is also funded by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy. To watch the video on YouTube, scan the QR code or visit <http://blm.mn/hesv>.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HOME ENERGY PROGRAM.

South Loop District Road Construction

The City is undertaking a variety of major infrastructure improvements in the South Loop District in 2013 and 2014. These infrastructure improvements set the stage for new higher-density mixed-use development by improving pedestrian and vehicle circulation and attracting visitors and employers to South Loop District. Below is a list of major road and ramp closures.

For the latest information on South Loop road closures, detours and other traffic changes, visit the City's website.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SOUTH LOOP.

ROAD CLOSURES

Lindau Lane (Ikea Way to 22nd Avenue)

- Road closed in both directions through the end of summer 2014.

Lindau Lane (22nd to 24th avenues)

- Road closed in both directions through the end of summer 2013.

Killebrew Drive (TH 77 to 22nd Avenue)

- Two overnight closures during summer 2013.

NIGHT RAMP CLOSURES – FULL

I-494 westbound exit ramp at 34th Avenue

- Beginning: July 2013.
- Duration: Three weeks.

I-494 eastbound entrance ramp at 34th Avenue

- Beginning: End of July 2013.
- Duration: Three weeks.

RAMP CLOSED TO SEMI TRUCKS AND BUSES

Exit ramp from northbound TH-77 to Lindau Lane

- Ramp closed at Ikea Way.
- Access provided to the Mall of America.
- Duration: Through summer 2014.



GOOD TO KNOW

GO SMOKE-FREE!

Bloomington Public Health is partnering with Hennepin County and the nonprofit Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota to help local multi-unit property managers, owners and residents implement smoke-free policies. Why go smoke-free? Smoke-free policies create healthier and cleaner spaces to live and work. Secondhand smoke is toxic and many people in the U.S. suffer from conditions caused or made worse by secondhand smoke such as heart disease, asthma and bronchitis.

According to a survey conducted by Minnesota Smoke-Free Housing, 75 percent of renters would likely choose a smoke-free over a smoking-allowed building and 22 percent of those renters would be willing to pay higher rent to live in a smoke-free building.

For more information, contact Ruth Tripp at 952-563-8742 or visit www.mnsmokefreehousing.org.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, 84 percent of Minnesota adults don't smoke. In addition, nearly 90 percent of Hennepin County residents do not smoke.

WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS

Emergency officials now have a new way to send warnings directly to cell phones through wireless emergency alerts (WEAs). These short warning messages look like text messages, but unlike texts, which are sent directly to your phone number, these warnings are broadcast to all phones within range of designated cell phone towers.

There are currently three types of emergency alerts: Presidential Alerts issued by the President in the event of a nationwide emergency; Imminent Threat Alerts issued by the National Weather Service that include tornado, flash flood and blizzard warnings; and Amber Alerts that share information about a child abduction. The alert message will usually include a unique ringtone or vibration.

Many newer cell phones are preprogrammed to receive wireless emergency alerts. Contact your wireless provider to find out if your phone is WEA capable. To learn more about wireless emergency alerts, visit the City's website.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: WEA.



PASSPORT SERVICES

The City Clerk's office at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, processes passport applications and provides passport photo services, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tips to expedite the application process:

- Download and complete your application ahead of time by visiting www.travel.state.gov. Remember to use black ink on the application.
- Submit completed applications to a passport agent prior to closing (all parties involved must be present).
- Avoid the busiest times: After 1 p.m. each day, days immediately preceding or following holidays and school breaks.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 952-563-4923 or e-mail djunker@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

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The City of Bloomington complies with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. The City has designated coordinators to facilitate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and to coordinate compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. For more information, contact the Human Services Division, City of Bloomington, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027; 952-563-8733 (Voice); 952-563-8740 (TTY).

Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or electronic format.



TO PROTECT AND SERVE

New Bloomington police officers are required to complete five weeks of intensive training and 16 weeks of field training. See what new recruits must go through before they hit the streets. To watch the video on YouTube, scan the QR code or visit <http://blm.mn/newbpd>.





Bloomington in 1969 was a happening place. The population was growing and retail centers like the Village Square on Portland Avenue and East 79th Street (now American Boulevard East), were bustling with activity.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



FARMERS MARKET SATURDAYS

The seventh annual Farmers Market opens **Saturday, June 8**, with fresh, locally grown foods, cooking demonstrations, music and kids’ activities. The Farmers Market takes place at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, **every Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, through October 12. Credit cards and EBT food support cards are now accepted.

Sign up for our newsletter

Stay up to date on market activities by subscribing to the Farmers Market newsletter via *E-Subscribe*. Visit the Farmers Market page and click on the *E-Subscribe* link.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: FARMERS MARKET.

FIGHT CRIME WITH BOOKS

The Bloomington Crime Prevention Association’s (BCPA) 20th Annual Book ‘em used book sale will be held **June 8 - 22**, at 810 West 78 Street in Richfield. Don’t miss this opportunity to support the BCPA. For more information, call 952-220-2537 or visit the BCPA’s website at www.bcpamn.org.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

The 30th annual National Night Out (NNO)celebration takes place **Tuesday, August 6**. Don’t miss this chance to connect with your neighbors and show your support for law enforcement and anticrime efforts.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: NNO



CREEKSIDE OPEN HOUSE

Human Services will host an open house at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, on **Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** This free event includes:

- Car show.
- Music by the Country Jammers and Somewhat Dixieland Band.
- Little Free Library dedication.
- Bloomington Fire Department truck on display.
- Meet and greet with Bloomington Police K-9 Bosco.
- Sample fitness classes for adults 55+.
- Concessions for purchase.

For more information, call 952-563-4944 or visit the City’s website.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: OPEN HOUSE.



BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER EVENTS

BOB THE BEACHCOMBER

Back by popular demand is the always-entertaining Bob the Beachcomber, **Sunday, July 21, 1 - 3 p.m.**

DJ NIGHTS

It’s a dance party at the pool, **Friday, July 12** and **August 9, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

ENJOY A MOVIE AT THE BEACH

Enjoy the movie *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* at Bush Lake Beach, **Saturday, July 27, 8:30 - 11 p.m.**

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!



THE THREE W’S OF RECREATIONAL FIRES

A recreational fire is an outdoor fire used for cooking, warming or ceremonial purposes. When burning a recreational fire in your yard, use common sense, be considerate of your neighbors and keep in mind the three W’s of the City ordinance:

WHEN...

- Recreational fires may only be conducted between 7 a.m. and midnight and when the wind speed is less than 10 miles per hour. A fire must be extinguished immediately if a City official determines it is creating a fire safety hazard.

WHERE...

- Fires must be located 25 feet away from any structures or combustible materials.
- Fires must be constantly attended to by a person within sight of the flames.
- Fire extinguishing equipment must be readily available.

WOOD...

- Fuel used for recreational fires must be dry, clean wood such as cordwood or manufactured logs.
- Burning wood that has leaves or needles or wood that is rotten, wet or treated with paint or glue is prohibited by ordinance. These materials produce excessive smoke and odor.
- Starter fuels consisting of dry, untreated kindling or charcoal starter may be used, but never use gasoline or other flammable liquids to start a fire.
- The burning fire stack must not exceed three feet wide by two feet high.

For more information, call Fire Marshal Laura McCarthy at 952-563-8967.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: RECREATIONAL FIRES.

CORRECTION

An April Briefing article incorrectly stated that drivers are required to show proof of vehicle registration if stopped by a police officer. Drivers are required to show their driver’s license and proof of vehicle insurance if requested.

SUMMER FUN FOR THE KIDS

To register for any of the programs below call 952-563-8877 or visit the City’s website.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: ONLINE REGISTRATION.

SUMMER ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS

Dates: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 17 - August 15. (No program July 1 - 5.)
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Locations: Brye, Kelly, Poplar Bridge, Running, Sunrise and Westwood parks.
Ages: 6 - 12 years old.
Cost: \$67 residents; \$77 nonresidents.

PLAYGROUNDS AT THE VIEW

Dates: Monday - Friday, June 17 - August 16. (No program July 1 - 5.)
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Valley View Middle School.
Ages: 6 - 10 years old.
Cost: \$108 residents; \$123 nonresidents.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: PLAYGROUNDS.

SUMMER ADVENTURE FIELD TRIPS

Supervised weekday excursions happen Wednesdays and Fridays, June 19 - August 16. Wednesday field trips visit Vertical Endeavors, Skateville, Como Zoo and other fun destinations. Friday swim trips visit the Aquatic Center or beach. Prices vary per trip.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: FIELD TRIPS.

GALAXY SUMMER OF SERVICE

Dates: Monday - Friday, June 17 - August 16. (No program July 1 - 5.)
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland Avenue South.
Ages: 11 - 14 years old.
Cost: \$200 for summer or \$50 per week.

ARTS IN THE PARKS

Bloomington parks will come alive this summer with the best in music, dance and family entertainment. Don't miss out! Grab a blanket and join the festivities. For more information or in case of inclement weather, call the Parks and Recreation 24-hour information line at 952-563-8878.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: AIP.



NORMANDALE LAKE PERFORMANCE SERIES

The following performances take place at Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Bring your appetite! There will be a variety of food and drink options at summer Blockbusters highlighted below with fork and spoon icons.

TUES

JUNE 4

Minnesota Symphonic Winds

This classic concert band will kick off the Tuesday evening performance series.

TUES

JUNE 11

U of M Alumni Band

Enjoy an evening with the University of Minnesota Alumni Band – one of the finest in the country since 1892.

THURS

JUNE 13

60's British Invasion
Featuring The Sleepers

Break out your bell bottoms! The Sleepers will play classics from the Yardbirds, Kinks, Beatles, The Who and more.

TUES

JUNE 18

Bloomington Medalist Band

This Bloomington-based band will play some of the finest concert band music you've ever heard.



THURS

JUNE 20

Celtic Solstice
Featuring Laura and the Lads

Laura Mackenzie performs traditional Celtic music from Ireland and Great Britain.



TUES

JUNE 25

Stomp N' Dixie

If you love foot-stomping Dixieland jazz, this is a can't-miss event for you.

THURS

JUNE 27

Suburban Country
Featuring The Killer Hayseeds

Country music fans won't want to miss The Killer Hayseeds, one of the top drawing country bands in the Midwest for more than 20 years.

TUES

JULY 9

Eden Prairie Community Band

A community band of more than 50 musicians, the Eden Prairie Community Band is sure to please.



THURS

JULY 11

80's Music Explosion
Featuring Brat Pack Radio

Your favorite 1980s music mixed with big hair, spinning keyboards and awesome light show? It must be Brat Pack Radio!

TUES

JULY 16

Dakota Valley Symphony

The Dakota Valley Symphony presents classical pops music at its best.

THURS

JULY 18

Latin Music Night
Featuring Flamenco - A Touch of Spain, and Salsa Brosa



These two bands take Twin Cities Latin music to a whole new level. You won't be able to stop dancing.

TUES

JULY 23

Minnesota Jazz Orchestra

The Minnesota Jazz Orchestra's swinging sounds of Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman and Glen Miller will have you dancing all night.

THURS

JULY 25

Blues and Bar-B-Q
Featuring Ross William Perry and the Groove Merchants with Jimmy Smith



The legendary Groove Merchants headline this blockbuster event featuring the best in traditional blues music. Ross William Perry follows with his impressive mix of blues, rock and jazz sounds.

TUES

JULY 30

St. Louis Park Community Band

This local community band is dedicated to making beautiful concert band music accessible to all.

THURS

AUGUST 1

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra

Don't miss this talented group of musicians performing amazing symphonic works.

MONDAY MORNING KIDS SERIES

Start the week off right with the Monday Morning Kids Series. Bring the kids to Moir Park, 2298 West 104th Street, for awesome music, dance and fun for the whole family. All shows start at 10:30 a.m.

- June 10 - Minnesota Zoomobile
- June 17 - Trisha and the Toonies
- June 24 - Rachael Kroog
- July 8 - Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam
- July 15 - Alpha Bits
- July 22 - Sticks and Tones
- July 29 - Jack Pearson
- August 5 - Mike Monson



SANDCASTLES

If you can dream it, you can build it at the annual Sandcastles competition at Bush Lake Beach, 9140 East Bush Lake Road. Enjoy an afternoon of sandcastle building, sculpture contests, music, prizes and more, **Sunday, June 30, noon - 3 p.m.**

MOONLIGHT MOVIES IN THE PARK

Bring a blanket and relax under the stars while you watch these hit movies on our new 30-foot outdoor movie screen at the Normandale Lake Bandshell. June and July movies begin at 9 p.m. August movies begin at 8:30 p.m.

- June 14 - "Escape from Planet Earth"
- June 21 - "Despicable Me"
- July 12 - "Hunger Games"
- July 19 - "Wreck-It Ralph"
- August 2 - "The Avengers"
- August 9 - "Skyfall"
- August 16 - "Iron Giant"



SUMMER FETE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

This annual celebration to honor our independence is **Wednesday, July 3**, at the Normandale Lake Bandshell. The main stage will feature music by The Tuxedo Band, Power of 10 and the Bloomington Medalist Band.

The Kids' Carnival begins at 5 p.m. Head over to the bandshell for food, games and the always-superb fireworks display. The 84th Street Kids' Stage will present family entertainment by Jack Pearson, Tricia and the Toonies, and Paul Christian.

To make a donation or order shirts, call 952-563-8693, visit our website or use the envelope in your water bill.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SUMMER FETE.

